

gods devoutly worshipped him and
 attained to the region of
 Vishnu. He, who recites this excellent
 hymn, or hears it
 recited by others, stands absolved of sin,
 committed by him
 in the course of a million re-births. He,
 who, in a <deVout
 spirit, recites this hymn of Vishnu, •
 narrated by MaL-adeva,
 comes by immortality.

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SUTA said :—t shall narrate to you that
 hymn of Vishnu, which
 •was first sung by the holy Markandeya.
 I lie prostrate before
 the thousand-eyed, lotus-navelled
 NidLyana, the original being
 Who is also addressed as Hrishiksha,
 what shall Death do
 unto me ? ! have placed myself
 under the protection of the
 birthless, tin decaying, lotus-eyed
 Keshava, who pervades this
 universe ; what shall Death do unto me ? I
 crave the protection
 t>f the wielder of discus and conch-shell,
 the deity manifest in
 the shape of the visible universe,
 who may be perceived
 •only with the inner sense ; what shaH
 Death do unto me ? I
 have placed myself under the protection
 of the boar, dwarf,
 •and Nrishinha manifestations of
 Vishnu, I crave the mercy
 x>f Madhava and of Janardana, what shall
 Death do unto nie ?
 t have surrendered myself to the
 mercy of the lord of the
 universe, the pure, eternal subject that
 manifests itself as the
 Ego in self-conscious individuals; what
 shall Death c!o unto
 me ? I crave the protectiop of the wielder

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Janardana, what
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